Bhutan with effect from 1st July, 1988. The salary of all the employees including local ones is being currently paid by the Royal Government of Bhutan.

**Damage to railway bridges due to earthquake**

4143. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the recent earthquake in the North Eastern region caused damage to railway tracks in several areas;

(b) whether Government undertook investigation into the condition of the railway bridges over the rivers in the affected areas, after the earthquake; and

(c) if so, what is the total number of bridges over rivers found unsafe?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) Railway track in some areas was damaged.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Post-earthquakt investigations revealed that all the bridges were safe, except 10 bridges, which had suffered minor damages and needed some attention and/or imposition of temporary speed restrictions, before traffic could safely be resumed.

**Sanctioning of scooter advance by Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan to its Employees**

4144. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what was the number of applicants for grant of Scooter advance in Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, during the preceding financial year;

(b) what are the details of those who have been sanctioned Scooter advance during 1987 and 1988;

(c) whether there is any difference in the amount of advance sanctioned to each of the employees in Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan and Ministries; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P SHAHI): (a) 435 applications were received for grant of Scooter Advance during the financial year 1987-88.

(b) During the period from 1.1.1987 to 31.12 1987, 122 employees were sanctioned scooter advance and in 1988, from 1.1.1988 to 31.3.1988, 5 employees were sanctioned scooter advance.

(c) and (d) Generally the amount of Scooter advance given to the employees of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan is the same as admissible to the Central Government employees and is subject to the fulfilment of the same conditions. The rate of scooter advance increased by the Government of India in July, 1987 has been made applicable by the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan in April, 1988.

**Terms and conditions of posting of teachers of Kendriya Vidyalayas, Leh and Port Blair**

4145. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the terms and conditions on which Kendriya Vidyalayas' teachers are posted to Kendriya Vidyalaya, Leh (Ladakh) and Port Blair;

(b) what is the procedure and criteria of selection/identification of teachers posted to these Vidyalayas;

(c) whether any special allowances/facilities are admissible to these teachers; and